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Dear Paul, Harh

12/27/77

Thanks for your 12/20 and enclosures, here today.

Glad to see your pretty little girl's face. I'm prejudiced about babies. I think they are all beautiful. Some have the added asset of being pretty, like yours.

I'll probably lay your notes on the AIB's copies of the FBI releases aside to read when I can reply while what I've read is fresh in mind. I was away all day and had to get up early so it won't be tonight.

There will probably be a whole new mythology about the misleading story the Post carried about my request for a temporary injunctions agonst the second part of the FBI's releases. I did not seek, want or dream of what the Post says. As it knew. I want compliance with my request for a remission of fees, twice past the due date when we filed, and with my FOIA requests, and a record that they are staging media events to constitute official propaganda. So you can know in the event uglier improvisations reach you I enclose the story (which did not appear in the earlier edition, the one that also is mailed) and my letter to the national editor. Perhaps Jim's also, I'll copied these while I was away.

If you have annotated the long UPI story on its supposedly exclusive release from the Secret Service I'd appreciate it. I'm sure much was not new at all, if not all not being new. It also amounts to official propaganda and still another intrusion into national policy in a manner unbecoming for any police unit.

The odds are against us with the judge we have because I've not been a perjurer. We have the judge who praised Kleindienst. However, in all these things we do manage to make a record so any documentation, if only illustrative, could be useful. Because of the amount of money involved, if we lose before him I'm sure we'll appeal, so we'll want to perfect the record. Collecting the stories has taken much time. I'll be able to show some of t is by the stories I have. The Post cut the UPI story down much. Lardner spoke to me about it when he got it off the wire.

Anything more on the CIA namecheck on Emory Brown could be of value to Jim, who will be filing for me when he can, alleging also damages.

I've seen the Stokes extension in the Congressional Record. What you did not say about it is that it does not mention any of my JFK work.

Ted Gandolfo recently heard another story about the HAC report: they may now have one.

I wrote AIB as soon as I knew what Katz and Oglesby said on Good Morning America. I asked for copies because if as represented it could be of possible use in court cases. So AIB has not responded. They are as they were, less than responsible. I hate to ask you to copy all they send but I don't trust their judgement or interpretations and without seeing the records can't say whether they are of immediate use. I suppose that in a sense all can be for those occasions on which reporters ask me.

I can't recall which of the stacks I have what may be Serial 2480 in. Lardner sent it to me. I asked him to give me copies of anything he sees that relates to ballistics or medical evidence. However, I do not recall that what he sent indicates Shaneyfelt drafted it. It would be good if you could send Jim a copy of that because we did depose Shaneyfelt, who making monsters is a Godzilla. It may be relevant in that case. I can get it from Jim.

On the Anderson columns: I think I sent you my letter to Les over the second one. He is taking a sabbatical beginning next week. It will last a year.

Conley is the same character who wrote me. They had done all this checking earlier. He is the kind who refers to the most subversive of crimes and the murder of a President as an "incident." So you know what to expect. However, after reading the letter I suggest that you ask him to retrieve from those to whom they sent copies all copies and to explain the time and the authorization of the assassination records. There is supposed to be a record of destruction. You might also ask if they consider this was not contrary to the spirit if not theletter of the EO by Clark on the transfer of records to the Archives. Ask also what the need was the destruction was, and if the have any records of such Army matters as defense ateps, border closings, etc.

Drom the way he spoke I'm inclined to believe that the caller-in in Houston, rather San Antonio, had other than a published source for the alert to McDill field.

I'm willing to try Lardner for you on Olney. They originally withheld his name from

the executive session transcript on the spurious claim of privacy. Seems like mpre Hoover's interest than that of Warren Olney. Jim might find more than one use for all on this in the recent releases. I'd want all for attracting a reporter's interest. If the Post is not interested there can be others. If any extra copies would ne necessary for reporters I can make them here.

Lardner did recall having spoken to you earlier when I recommended it at the time of these FBI releases. Rather right before them , in anticipatiin, I think.

We are in accord on the FBI and the criticis and do want what they did with our work. I have a priceless one on me. When I have a chance I'll send it to you. There was real consternation over my statement that Hoover was wrong when he said that the assassin did not shoot while the motorcase was on Elm Street because trees were in his way. The problem I gave was greater because I printed a picture showing the total absence of trees in Houston. But the higher brass was equal to it. They told him that The Director was right. Why? ecause after the motorcase made a left turn and was in the "park" there were, too, trees in the park.

This may be the origin, the real origin, of the title of Schott's book, "No Left Turns."

Another is on how they shcemed to "stop" me by having Shaneyfelt sue me for libel. They talked real big about it, even did the legal research that told them he is not a public figure and could sue. But he didn't. I recently took an occasion he offered to dress him down fairly severely, in writing, dare him to sue me now and included a waiver of the statute of limitations. Imalso gave the same offer to the FBI's Office of Legal Counsel. ...You have to see a Shaneyfelt and hear it to know that it is real. The Fraziers and the others are cut from similar patterns. Incredible. Now I know how Hitler got all those Nazis. It could happen here.

I decided I'd better let other mail go, not try to get it all done tonight and not to have it also accumulate, and to read your AIB/ Releases memos. I've started several separate files relating to the releases. Now one- and please remind me of it - Hoch/AIB Notes On.

Your 12/18/77:Hoover's concern over Commission reconstruction, your surprise, etc. Go back to CD1 or the end of Whitewash. He "solved" the crime without reference to the anterior neck ~~ex~~ wound or the missed shot. Do you think he did not know of either? Or that the Commission didn't? Like in the 1/22/64 transcript? He could brook nothing of that sort because it would have been ruinous to him and would have exposed the non-investigation and its non-solution. I think make a file of all that bears on this could be useful, that Jim would in time find use for it in court. I have done some of this in the spectro/NAA suit. (Reminds mem you did not note that the Humes accounting also eliminates the missed shot.)

Agreed on no prior recollection of Rankin/Hoover 12/12/63 contact. I felt that way when I read of it in the news stories.

You arex correct on the significance of the leaking of the D story. I know only what is in the papers. Do you have the document? If that did nothing else it appears to have captured the Pearson-Anderson column for all time.

When you comment on #9, I take it from your list dated 12/14/77, you wonder if Katzenbach were acting for RFK. I doubt this. My interest is that it is made to appear that he was acting for Bobby. At that time I'm sure Bobby had other things on his mind. Katzenbach, as Deputy, was running the Department. I'd appreciate anything on this.

12/14 list: from this I agree with you on the possibility of a Hoover got Warren Olney story. Does 15, summary of Ed Butler's SISS testimony, tell you much? I know you were always interested in that.

29 of 12.27.63 Ernest Cuneo, who was close to Drew Pearson, was also one of the most rabid anti-Communists of that period.

50, 62-1009, kind os bullets usable in LHO's rifle, can be of Spectro case value.

All the Portuondo stuff should be interesting. IN time I'd like a copy of all in part because he headed Cuban-Americans for Nixon-Agnew. They were honored by the committee for this.Check ms. Coup.

Your 12/12/ notes. Serial 1241 on Milteer interests me much because it is one of my

early FOI request, without response.

Item 7, Serial 971, I think I wrote about this in Whitewash from the testimony and the 26. The Sheriff's office got the same kind of call if not the identical one. Also or perhaps only in WW II.

On the WxPost editorial, I presume you have seen their story on this.

The Nat. Enquirer is interested insome of the same things you got from AIB. Perhaps the AIB directed their interest. These are not the more responsible items. They can make Enquirer stories but not helpful ones.

The McDermid story is one- Mafia lawyer as they put it.

In your references to Stimson, I take it you mean what they told me is a story of Connally telling that JFK would not leave Texas because these oil men were going to have him killed.

I don t think the Good Morning America account of the Army Intelligence story is helpful, either. Katz had Army intelligence practising in advance or knowing of practise in advance. Can you believe it?In broad daylight, the right spot?

Garrison is reported telling people that from his contact with the House committee they share his interests, or are going his way, etc., and will exonerate him.

Hope you have a good year,